

FLAMES COMPLETE WORK OF CYCLONE IN ARKANSAS TOWN

Brinkley Destroyed and Twenty-eight Lives Are Lost

FIRE SWEEPS OVER TANGLED WRECKAGE

Relief Trains Rushed to Victims Aid—Storm Had Wide Scene

Scope.

HELENA, Ad. May 9. FLA.

HELENA, ARK., March 9.—Eighteen whites and twenty negroes are dead at Brinkley, forty persons are seriously hurt. Six residences standing in the midst of the tornado-torn fire-swept ruins, are all that remain of the town where 3,000 grief-stricken people had gathered.

Property valued at more than \$1,000,000 has been destroyed.

in, and the work of removing the dead and caring for the wounded is under way. The bodies that have been recovered have been put on

The injured are being taken to near-
by cities to be cared for.
The dead so far identified are:
PORTER FOOTE.
J. L. STERRITT.
HENRY STOVALL, jr.
Mrs. PHILLIPS.
Mrs. BELLE DARDEN.
CHARLES PRANZE.

Mr. and Mrs. HOOD, all whites.

Few Buildings Escaped.

The tornado struck the city without the slightest warning. Its path was the width of the town. Every building was damaged and most of them were demolished. Two trains reached Brinkley shortly after daylight. One was from

Some estimates place the death list even higher than thirty-eight. In the business section buildings have been twisted about, and tumbled into the street. The residence section also suffered severely, as only six houses are habitable.

Later in the day, a meeting of the business Men's club of Helena, was called here, and arrangements were made to care for the homeless.

At 9 o'clock last night a single engine made its way out of Brinkley. On it were a few railroad employees who had escaped the storm. They reported that when they left the ruins had begun to

burn. Today the mesager reports that the people have been received declare the people were powerless to fight the fire and that the buildings were consumed.

First News of Disaster.

The first news of the disaster was received when T. N. Kinnell, operator for the Rock Island railroad, and Logan Richards, who were in the station when the storm struck, extricate

themselves from the debris and walked to Wheatley, the nearest telegraph station. The Rock Island station, he said, had been blown to pieces over their heads and both were injured. The streets were blocked with debris, and the firemen could not work.

The majority of the buildings in the town were blown down and the houses

Special relief trains have been hurried from all the near-by cities to Brinkley.

Extent of Storm.

The storm swept the whole of southern and eastern Arkansas. Early reports sa-

four persons are dead and several injured about Little Rock. Several fatalities are rumored in the vicinity of Hot Springs.

Railroad officers are trying to get word of a cotton-belt train, reported to have been swept off the track by the wind or struck by lightning near Barcum. The tornado cut a swath about one hundred miles long and

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